

### REMARKS

The claims in the application are 2-13, 16 , 18-20 and Claim 21 added by the present amendment.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Claims 4, 8, 9, 13 and 20 have now been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over previously-cited Great Britain Patent No. 446,972 in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, while Claims 2, 3, 5-7, 10-12, 16, 18 and 19 have now been rejected as obvious additionally in view of newly-cited U.S. Patent No. 3,390,419 to Foltz in paragraph 3 of the Office Action. However, it is respectfully submitted the invention as recited in all pending claims herein is patentable over the applied art, for the following reasons (reference will be made to preferred embodiments of the present invention illustrated in the drawings of the present application).

More specifically, it is asserted, in paragraph 2 of the Office Action, it would be obvious to provide two accommodating recesses 18 and 20 in the adaptor body 16, with "Official Notice" being taken that two-sided adhesive tape is "well-known" for joining members. In this regard, it is expressly requested the Examiner provided concrete documentation two-sided adhesive tape is, indeed, well-known for joining members.

In any event, the specific combination of the claimed adaptor 16 and adhesive tape is not shown or suggested by GB '972 which requires attachment of the door stop casing K by bolts. Accordingly, if anything, GB '972 teaches away from utilizing adhesive tape for securing door stop casing K (even assuming, *arguendo*, Official Notice of double-sided adhesive tape is, indeed, properly taken). Attention is

respectfully called to independent Claim 4 which has been amended to recited the combination of an adaptor body 16 and double-sided adhesive tape for affixing the same 16 to a furniture frame or carcass. It is clear GB '972 explicitly teaches away from this claimed combination.

Furthermore, the specific shape of adaptor 16 and arrangement of both accommodating recesses 18 and 20 therein as illustrated, e.g., in Fig. 4 of the present application, is neither shown nor suggested by GB '972. Attention is respectfully called to independent Claim 9 which has been amended to recite the adaptor body 16 has a pair of smooth external surfaces 30 and 32 essentially aligned at right angles to each other, with the accommodation recesses 18 and 20 aligned such that a line passing through their centers extends substantially parallel to a hypotenuse of a right triangle formed by the smooth surfaces 30 and 32.

As described, e.g., in the first paragraph on page 2 of the present application, this specific arrangement enhances secure connection to the corner of a furniture carcass while additional damping effect can be attained using two braking deceleration devices 26 in balanced fashion. At the same time, effective, balanced braking deceleration can be attained just positioning a single braking deceleration device in either of the two recesses 18 and 20 explicitly oriented as recited in Claim 9. These features and accompanying advantages are most certainly not suggested or contemplated by GB '972 which just discloses a single centrally-oriented bore to receive cylinder M.

In paragraph 3 of the Office Action, Foltz is cited as showing a blind borehole 68 for receiving rim or head 46 of hinge pintle 40 in an alleged press-fit (column 2, line 63- column 3, line 6). However, spring-loaded ball 60 is pressed into an interior radial bore to prevent the pintle 40 from rising during use (column 2, lines 48-57), so pintle 40 is clearly not press-fitted into bore 48 of the hinge 22 unlike the present invention as recited, e.g., in independent Claim 6.

Furthermore, blind borehole or recess 68 is provided to allow a flush relationship between the top of the pintle head 46 and planar end surface 70 of the upper end knuckle 34 (column 2, lines 65-67), unlike the present invention where the blind borehole 36 explicit allows the plunger 24 of the braking deceleration device 26 to protrude from the adaptor 16. Attention is respectfully called, e.g., to new Claim 21 which recites the braking deceleration device 26 is retained in the blind bore 36 such that the plunger 24 protrudes outwardly therefrom as shown, e.g., in Figs. 1 and 3 of the present application.

Accordingly, at most, Foltz actually teaches away from the present invention as recited in the respective claims herein. Since GB '972 also teaches away from the claimed invention as pointed out *supra*, the combination of Foltz with GB '972 can only teach away from the presently claimed invention.

The remaining art of record has not been applied against the claims and will not be commented upon further at this time.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance.

Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any questions. A Petition for an automatic one month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed in triplicate together with the requisite petition fee .

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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